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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 8714 ACTION SECSTATE 03 NOV 76.

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S E C R E T GENEVA 8714

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: NOV 3 CONFERENCE MEETING

1. MEETING OF DELEGATION LAWYERS SCHEDULED FOR
MORNING NOV 3 TO DISCUSS TECHNICALITIES OF PROCESS
LEADING TO RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE DID NOT TAKE PLACE.
HOWEVER, HEADS OF DELEGATION DID HOLD AFTERNOON
SESSION WHICH IN EFFECT BECAME MORNIG MEETING SINCE
IT WAS DOMINATED BY LAWYERS - ONLY ONE OF WHICH WAS
AFRICAN- OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS.

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2. UK LEGAL COUNSEL, HENRY STEEL, PROVIDED LIST OF

THINGS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE AND DELEGATIONS
ESTIMATED HOW MUCH TIME NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THEM.
SPREAD WAS 28 MONTHS FOR RHODESIANS AND 10 FOR
AFRICANS. HOWEVER SEVERAL LAWYERS FOR AFRICAN
DELEGATIONS IMPLIED TO BRITISH THAT 15 MONTH PERIOD
WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. BRITISH BELIEVE MEETING WENT WELL FROM STANDPOINT
THAT DELEGATES ARE GETTING USED TO TALKING TO EACH
OTHER IN THIS SETTING. SMITH UNLEASHED SOME "SHARP"
REMARKS BUT LESS SO THAN IN THE PAST. AFRICANS
IGNORED THEM. LAWYERS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET
AGAIN IN MORNING NOV 4 WITH ANOTHER HEADS OF DELEGATION
MEETING IN AFTERNOON. RICHARD EXPECTS TO GET INTO
DETENTION TOMORROW EVEN IF ISSUE
OF INDEPENDENCE DATE NOT YET SETTLED.

4. SMITH HAS DEPARTED AND SQUIRES, MINISTER FOR
JUSTICE AND LAW AND ORDER WILL BE IN CHAIR.

5. BRITISH ARE CONSIDERING SUGGESTING TARGET
DATE OF MARCH, 1978 WHICH "JUST HAPPENS" TO COINCIDE
WITH SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF ANNOUNCEMENT
OF CALLAGHAN PLAN. CATTO
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